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PREVIOUSLY IN SPAWN

Cyan is being held captive alone in a room. To her surprise, a white, glowing figure of a boy floats up out of the floor. They talk and she finds out he is one of the people who had been experimented on. On another side of the compound, Spawn begins to fight his way to help Cyan and is met by demons who use themselves and bombs to destroy him. Their tactics don't work and Spawn charges on. The female ghost who has been hunting Spawn tries to kill him using her powers, but he turns her powers on her, causing her to kill her boss. Back in the room, Cyan hears a voice call her and she realizes it is her friend, Yoko. She's been turned into the same white, glowing figure that the boy was. Both shocked and distraught, Cyan vows to get revenge on those who hurt Yoko and the little boy.

WHEN THIS THING... THIS '**CREATURE**'
STARTED TO GROW IN FRONT OF SPAWN,
AL PREPARED HIMSELF. HE'D FOUGHT
HUNDREDS OF ENEMIES LARGER THAN
HIMSELF. BUT THIS? ITS SHEER SIZE
AND SCALE DEFIED DESCRIPTION; MORE
UNSETTLING IS ALL OF THIS SEEMED
TO BE PROHIBITIVELY...

IMPOSSIBLE.



THIS ALIEN RIVALED THE MAGNITUDE
OF SATAN HIMSELF, BUT HE RESIDED
IN THE DARK BOWELS OF HELL.



THIS WAS EARTH. WHERE
EVERYTHING IS SUBJECT
TO THE 'NORMS' OF
HISTORICAL DATA.



BEGGING
THE OBVIOUS
QUESTION,
"WAS THIS
EVEN REAL?"

BECAUSE IF IT IS...



...THEN NO
MATTER WHAT
SPAWN
THOUGHT HIS
PLAN WAS, IT
JUST BECAME
A CASUALTY TO
THE INSANITY
BEFORE HIM.


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SHUPP!



AND WORSE, AS GOOD AND
POWERFUL AS SPAWN IS, HE
KNOWS HE'S NOT THIS GOOD.



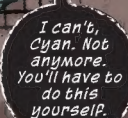
SPAWN ALSO KNOWS THAT SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED WITH HIS BOND TO THE COSTUME. SINCE HIS RETURN FROM HELL, HE'S BEEN TRYING TO UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHY HE CAN'T 'TRAIN' IT. THE CONSTANT CLASH... THAT IT EVEN RESPONDED TO HIS THOUGHTS... HAD BEEN A CONCERN.

IT WAS ONLY WHEN CYAN BLANKETED HIM IN A COCOON OF ENERGY, THAT HIS SYMBIOTE SEEMS TO HAVE COME BACK TO LIFE.* BUT THAT MOMENT ALSO CHANGED HIS COSTUME, AND HE HAS BEEN DOING THINGS WITH IT HE HADN'T DONE IN THE PAST.

AND THOUGH AL STILL DOESN'T FULLY COMPREHEND THE EXTENT OF HIS NEW POWERS, EVERYTHING MUST BE CONSIDERED A POSSIBILITY.

LIKE WILLING HIMSELF INTO A HELLISH, LIVING SPEAR.







SPAWN CAME HERE FOR
ONLY ONE PURPOSE:
TO GET CYAN. HE CAN
'FEEL' SHE'S CLOSE BY.



HE'LL NEED
TO MOVE
FAST.



MUCH
FASTER.





Ting

MINUTES LATER SHE FINDS WHAT SHE THINKS IS ANOTHER PRISONER.

YOU!

GET OUT AWAY FROM THERE, YOU'RE IN DANGER. ARE THERE ANY OTHERS WITH YOU?

They took my body and fed it in this thing. I need it back. I want my body back.

ALL I'M ASKING ARE THERE ANY OTHERS WITH YOU?

No. The rest are dead. Just like me, they killed all of us. Why are you still alive?

Why are you so special? Why didn't I get to live too?

THIS IS CRAZY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY DID TO YOU, BUT..

THEY TOOK MY BODY! That's what they did!

INSTEAD SHE'S CONVINCED SHE'S ALONE AND WILL NEVER SEE HER FAMILY AGAIN, BECAUSE RIGHT NOW SHE IS ALSO TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE IS AND WHAT SHE IS CAPABLE OF DOING.

INSTEAD, CYAN GIVES INTO THE NATURAL EMOTIONS OF A TEENAGER THINKING THEY'RE ABOUT TO DIE.

NEARING A BREAKING POINT, CYAN IS GETTING OVERWHELMED BY EVERYTHING. THE GANGSTERS, THE GHOSTS, THE BLOOD AND EXPERIMENTS. ALL THE WEIRD SHIT IN EVERY CORNER SHE LOOKS. SHE SHOULD HAVE TOLD HER UNCLE AL WHERE SHE WENT.

SLAM

DESPAIR QUICKLY BEGINS TO SETTLE IN, AND THE SIGHT OF THESE DRUGS INFLAME THE HIDDEN CRAVINGS SHE HAS BEEN SUPPRESSING.

Cyan, no.
You can't think
about going back to
that ugly place
again.

You told me drugs
nearly destroyed you
last time. You can't do
this. Be strong!

WHY?

THEY'RE
GOING TO WIN
ANYWAY! AND
THEY TAKE
EVERYTHING!


THEY
KILLED YOU.
YOUR DAD.
MY... MOM.
EVERYONE.

YOU **DON'T**
UNDERSTAND!

I... I'M
NOT STRONG
ENOUGH TO DO
THIS. I'M JUST A
KID. I JUST WANT
TO BE A
NORMAL KID.

So? We
died in vain?
That's what you're
saying.

That
we don't
matter.



WITHIN SECONDS,
THE MYSTERIOUS
SERUM ATTACKS
CYAN'S *NERVOUS*
SYSTEM, DRILLING
DOWN INTO HER
BODY'S ORGANS.

HER BRAIN AND VITAL
SENSORY ORGANS ALL
FEEL LIKE THEY'RE
BURNING HER ALIVE.

AND SHE'S INCAPABLE OF
KNOWING IF IT'S THE POISON
OR HER ADDICTION THAT'S
EXPLODING INSIDE HER.



OR WORSE... IT'S
BOTH!

OUTSIDE, THE BATTLE RAGES ON. SPAWN, DESPITE HIS VALIANT EFFORT, GETS THE BLUNT END OF MOST OF IT.

I'M CURIOUS, WHY ARE YOU SO DETERMINED TO PROTECT THESE HUMANS? ESPECIALLY NOW THAT YOU ARE NOT ONE OF THEM. THEIR HISTORY TELLS US THEY'RE INCAPABLE OF EVOLVING MUCH FURTHER THAN THE ANIMALS OF THIS PLANET.

OR ARE YOU AS FLAWED AS THE REST OF HUMANITY?

DON'T TOUCH HIM, YOU **COWARD!**

DID YOU SAY SOMETHING MY FRAIL SPECK?

YOU'RE AFRAID OF US, AREN'T YOU? PROTECTING YOURSELF WITH YOUR SIZE. WHY DO WE SCARE YOU?

BECAUSE
THERE'S
EIGHT BILLION
OF US AND YOU
KNOW YOU
CAN'T CONTROL
THAT MANY.

AND THE BILLIONS
YOU MAY SCARE?... THE
ONES YOU PREY ON BECAUSE
THEY HAVE NO POWER, BECAUSE
THEY'RE EASY VICTIMS--
LIKE MY FRIEND YOKO...? THEY
MADE YOU THINK WHAT
YOU'RE DOING WOULD
BE SO SIMPLE.

IT'S
NOT!

YOU'RE
BUT A
CHILD.

I WANTED TO
BE... BUT I'M AWAKE
NOW. AND IT WAS YOUR
DRUG THAT OPENED
MY EYES.

NOW IT'S
TIME FOR YOU TO
SEE, AND TO FEEL,
HOW YOUR VICTIMS
FELT! FEEL ALL
THEIR PAIN!

WHAT
IS

HAPPENING

ALL
THEIR
FEARS.

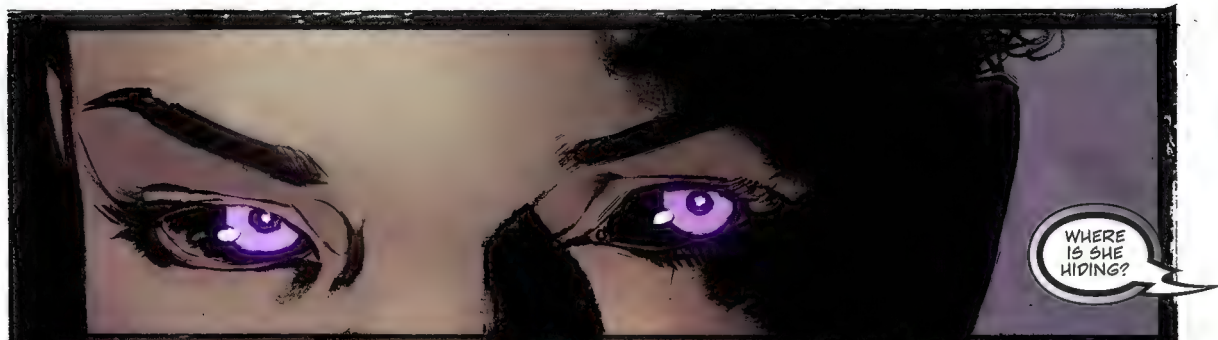
ALL AT
ONCE!

SO, IF
YOU WANT
TO DOMINATE
US, YOU'RE GOING
TO HAVE TO
SLAUGHTER THOSE
WHO WON'T HAND
OVER THEIR LIVES
WITHOUT A
FIGHT.

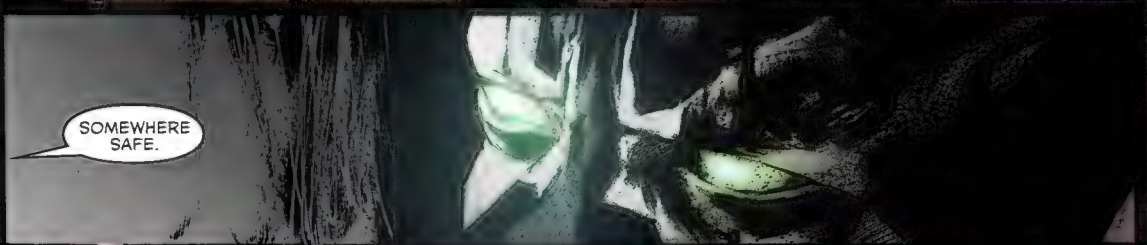
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WHERE IS SHE HIDING?



SOMEWHERE SAFE.

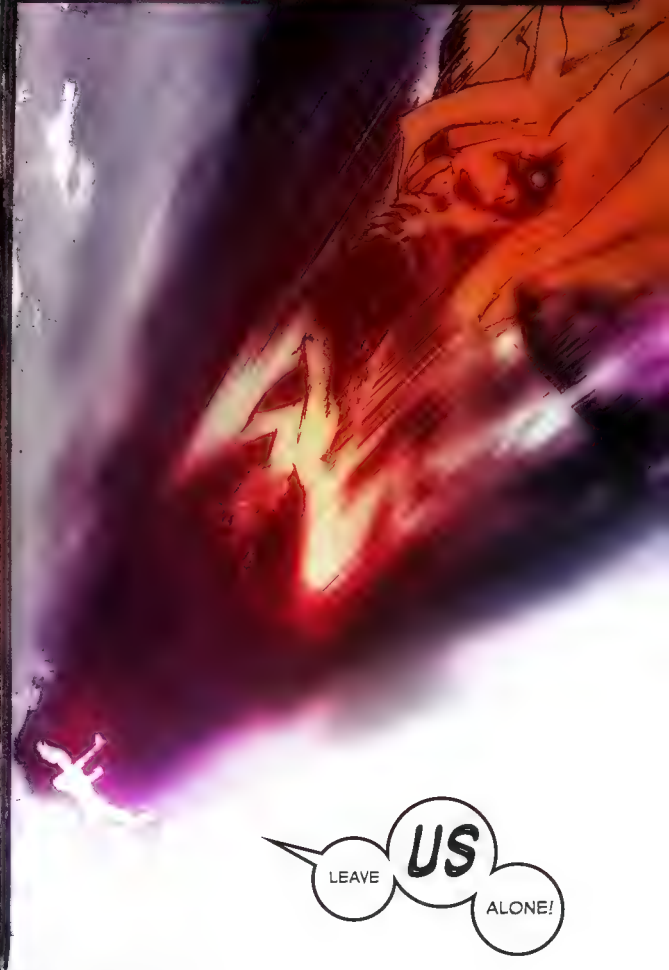


I TOLD HER I WOULDN'T FIGHT YOU. SO, GO. YOU NEED TO WALK AWAY.

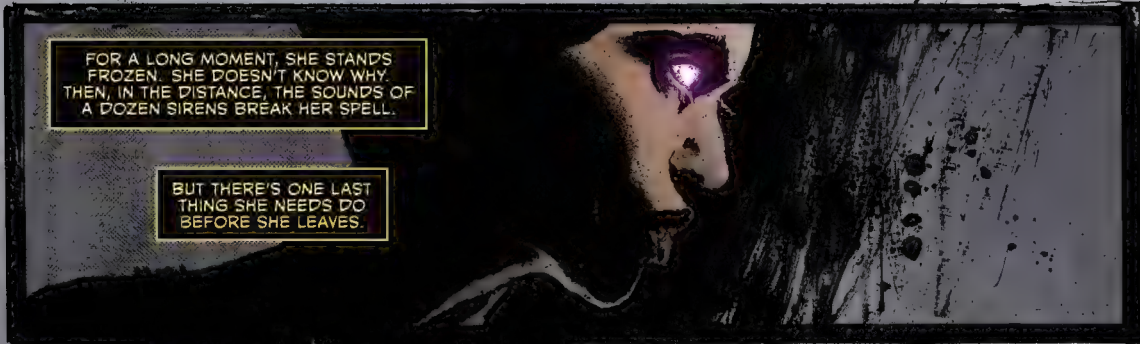
NOT WITHOUT YOU, CYAN.



GO!




LEAVE **US** ALONE!




FOR A LONG MOMENT, SHE STANDS
FROZEN. SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHY.
THEN, IN THE DISTANCE, THE SOUNDS OF
A DOZEN SIRENS BREAK HER SPELL.

BUT THERE'S ONE LAST
THING SHE NEEDS DO
BEFORE SHE LEAVES.



SHE MUST MAKE
SURE THAT WHAT
HAS HAPPENED HERE,
AT THIS PLACE, WILL
NEVER HAPPEN
ANYWHERE ELSE.



THAT NO OTHER
CHILDREN WILL EVER BE
VICTIMS TO THEM AGAIN.



IT MUST
DISAPPEAR.

AND IN SO DOING, SHE
WILL FREE THE SOULS
TRAPPED INSIDE.

INCLUDING THAT OF HER
GOOD FRIEND, YOKO.

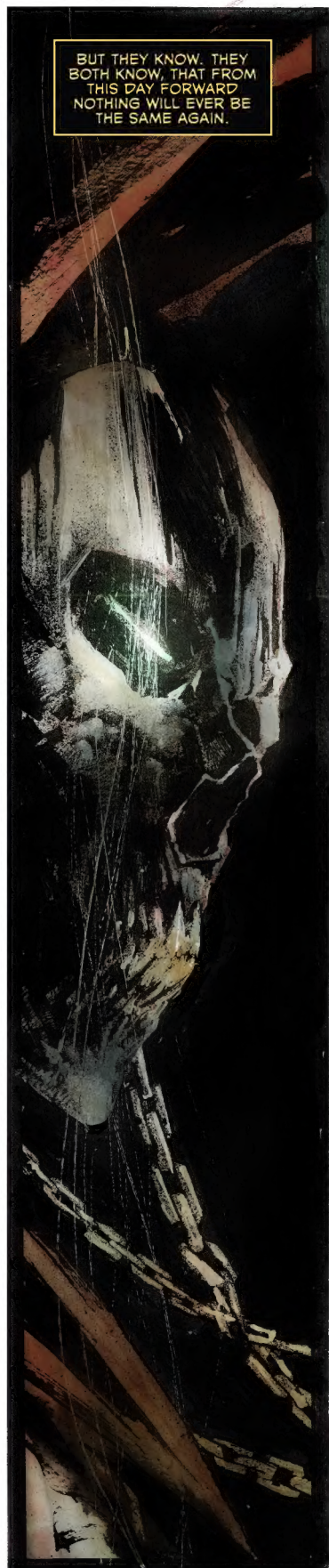




FOR TWO DAYS,
SPAWN WILL
FRUITLESSLY SEARCH
FOR CYAN. ON THE THIRD
DAY, SHE WILL GENTLY
TAP HIM, FROM BEHIND,
ON THE SHOULDER.
THEY'LL EMBRACE ONE
ANOTHER WITH SO MUCH
JOY AND LOVE, THAT BOTH
THEIR HEARTS WILL FEEL
LIKE THEY ARE GOING
TO EXPLODE. AND THEN
THEY'LL SIT ON THE
GROUND, HUDDLED
TOGETHER, WATCHING THE
SUN SLOWLY SET
BEHIND TOKYO'S
MASSIVE SKYLINE.

AND AT NO TIME WILL
EITHER OF THEM UTTER
A SINGLE SYLLABLE.

BUT THEY KNOW. THEY
BOTH KNOW, THAT FROM
THIS DAY FORWARD
NOTHING WILL EVER BE
THE SAME AGAIN.



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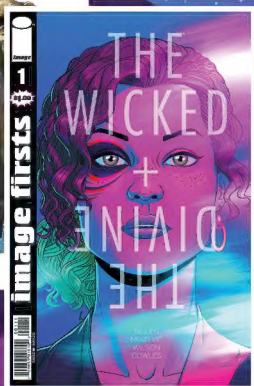
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